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Missionary Leaders For Cazadero

China, Mexico, Japan, India, and the Near East will all come to life at Cazadero this summer as American Board representatives from these lands visit with the campers. For the Central Area camp, June 9 to 16, David Virginia Stowe, recently returned from North China, will bring a message of urgency from behind the bamboo curtain. Larry Stanton, of Mexico, will be a visitor at the next three PF camps. Larry is peculiarly the representative of Pilgrim Fellowship in the mission field, since both he and his wife, Connie, have served as conference and national officers of PF before going into the mission field. He is remembered by Northern California PF'ers as a dynamic speaker at the 1946 Midwinter Conference at Modesto. Larry is now at the Guadalajara mission station in Mexico.

During part of July and August (dates not yet certain), Sumio Ogata of Japan will be a guest at Cazadero. Mr. Ogata has been a teaching assistant at Doshisha University and is in this country for graduate study at Union Theological Seminary.

From July 21 to August 4, Miss Edith Preusse, American Board missionary from India, will interpret our Christian World Mission for campers. Pepronia Merjanian, whose experience includes teaching, educational administration, and work with the Security Department of the British Navy in her native Lebanon, will conclude the camping season.

The warm personalities of past missionary guests are vivid memories for many Cazadero campers, and this year promises to bring an even wider vision of the world work for the church.

M.E.M., AUG. 3-8

The Missionary Education Movement Training Conference will be held at Asilomar, August 3 to 8, inclusive. The themes will be: "Latin America" and "Churches for Our Country's Needs." The Foreign Missions text will be "We Americans: North and South," by George P. Howard; and the Home text, "Mission to America," by our own Dr. Truman Douglass. Rev. Gail Cleland will be on the faculty, along with Rev. Kenneth Hobart of Berkeley, Willis Lamont of San Anselmo, and Mrs. R. W. Blosser of San Francisco. Registration fee is \$2.50 and rates for lodging and breakfast vary from \$4.25 to \$6.25 per day. Additional information may be secured from the Conference office.

CENTENNIAL ISSUE COMING

Old and new subscribers should remember that PACIFIC takes a vacation in July and August, so the next issue will be September. It is our expectation that that will be a special anniversary and souvenir edition, for 100 years of uninterrupted publication will have been completed. Watch for that issue and be sure your subscription is paid up.



The new building of the St. John's Federated Church was dedicated on Sunday, May 13. This lovely structure is on Woodside Road near the intersection of Laguna Honda Boulevard. It is the result of the cooperation of the Evangelical and Reformed denomination, the St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church, the new St. John's Congregational Church, and the Congregational Christian fellowship.

Work was begun on June 1 a year ago by Rev. Horst R. Jeschke, who had been chosen by both denominations for the important task of developing a church in the Forest Hill area in the heart of San Francisco. For some weeks it appeared to be an almost impossible task to have the building ready on time, but it was very lovely and well appointed on dedication morning. The new organ had been installed, steel folding chairs were in place, the altar and pulpit furniture had just been completed, the choir was ready with special music, and hundreds of announcements had gone out to members and friends. Supt. Harley H. Gill preached the dedication sermon on the theme, "The Habitation of God."

In the afternoon there was a second service, with Rev. Purd E. Dietz of St. Louis, Mo., general secretary of the Board of National Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, preaching the sermon. An hour of fellowship followed. The next Sunday the Church School was organized, which will probably not reach its full strength until after the summer holiday.

Considering building costs, excellent values were secured, with a very attractive room to serve as a sanctuary and also as a social hall, and five good-sized Sunday School rooms, besides kitchen and office. The total cost of the building including architect's fee will be approximately \$48,000. The church owns, in addition, a lovely parsonage a few blocks away, and a commanding lot on which ultimately a sanctuary will be built. Readers of The Pacific are invited to see the building and spend at least one Sunday in worship.

CAZADERO SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 9-16—Central-San Joaquin PF.....	Rev. William F. Keeney
June 16-23—Eastbay PF.....	Rev. Hewitt Kendall
June 23-30—Westbay PF.....	Rev. Weldon Battly
June 30-July 7—Redwood-Upperbay PF.....	Rev. Gifford Webster
July 7-14—Family Camp No. 1.....	Rev. and Mrs. James Senter
July 21-28—Older Adult Camp.....	Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Conard
July 28-August 4—Junior High Camp No. 1.....	Rev. Robert Carlson
August 4-11—Junior High Camp No. 2.....	Rev. Verne Robinson
August 11-18—Family Camp No. 2.....	Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Granger
August 18-25—Junior Age Camp.....	Miss Alice Sanderson
August 26-September 5—State PF Camp.....	Rev. George W. Lindsay
September 5-10—College Age Camp.....	Rev. Kenneth Kinnear
September 9-12—Ministers' Retreat and State Planning Conference.....	Rev. Harley H. Gill

For registration forms and folders with details, write to:
Congregational Cazadero, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

"A vacation with a difference"—that's the way a Family Camper described a week spent at Cazadero last summer. A vacation, yes, in one of the most beautiful settings in California, with organized leadership for the children, someone else to prepare the meals, leisurely schedules, plenty of time for family fellowship. But with a

difference: Leaders to bring you thoughts on family growth, on world citizenship, on a living faith into new focus; warm fellowship with other Christian families in our own secluded camp; the chance to stretch the soul toward God in worship. From such a week, one returns renewed in spirit as well as rested in body.

Older Adults Come To Cazadero

An older adult conference for senior members of our churches is to be held this summer at Cazadero, July 21 to 28. This is a new departure and an experiment, but may well be one of the most interesting and worthwhile uses for our great camp. Rev. Ralph V. Conard, who has been chairman of the Conference Committee on the Ministry of the Church to Older People, is to be the director. He reports that at the camp there will be discussion regarding the need for security, the importance of being wanted and needed, the leading of a happy and useful life, and the need of the church for the skill and wisdom accumulated by people through the years. The rates will be the same for this camp as for the youth camps. Inquiries should be made directly to Mr. Conard, P. O. Box 372, Alameda (telephone: LAkehrst 2-0885).

CAZADERO STAFF

The Cazadero Commission has enlarged its staff. Mr. and Mrs. Myron Alexander will be on hand for three months, Mrs. Alexander as cook and Mr. Alexander for grounds maintenance. Mr. J. T. Aungst, Jr., principal of a Berkeley school, has been appointed as Cazadero Summer Administrator. He is a member of the First Congregational Church, Berkeley. As a child he came to Stockton with his parents, and as a family they united with the church when Supt. Gill was pastor. Mrs. Aungst also grew up in the church. He has been a school man all of his active life, and wherever they have gone the Aungst family has been identified with a church and with young people in the church. It is with great pride that the Conference welcomes him and offers his services to a great crowd of young people and their leaders that will be attending Cazadero this summer.

JUNIORS, TOO, AT CAZADERO

The Junior Camp will be held at Cazadero August 18 to 25. This camp is for boys and girls in the fifth and sixth grades. It also includes those entering the fifth grade next fall and those who have just completed the sixth grade. The theme for the camp is "Discovering God in Nature." The campers are divided into cabin groups of five or six. Each group has an adult leader to whom each member of the group is responsible. The schedule includes discovery period, singing, recreation (such as hiking and swimming), handcraft, worship, and evening campfire programs. Of course, we eat and sleep plenty, too! In this camp Junior boys and girls are inspired to live at their best under Christian leadership and to develop a greater awareness of God.

If possible, enroll early, for the number of campers is limited. Send applications to the director, Miss Alice Sanderson, 4105 Montgomery Street, Oakland 11, California.

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ATTENTION! PLEASE!

This is the church by church statement of the first five months of 1951 in comparison with a like period of 1950, and shows a rather serious situation, there being a very slight gain, even though earlier reports in the year indicated that the churches had stepped up to a considerably higher level through goals adopted for the year. It will be of great help to our Board and the Conference if before vacation really comes upon us people will pay their pledges and treasurers will make their remittances.

	Jan. 11 to May 31, '50	Jan. 11 to May 31, '51
Alameda	\$ 510.70	\$ 576.77
Alturas	48.56	129.26
Angels Camp	68.41	50.00
Antioch	151.96	268.29
Auburn	50.00	100.00
Benicia	26.00	95.00
Berkeley, Arlington	282.41	293.91
Chinese	25.07	14.50
First	5,398.71	5,837.44
North	612.75	622.35
Northbrae	400.00	400.00
South	449.03	455.00
Biola	46.08	49.92
Campbell	298.97	439.15
Cedarville	32.10	41.70
Cloverdale	63.55	
Gotati	50.01	39.11
Crockett	70.61	92.91
Dinuba	1.00	
Eagleview	13.38	65.58
Elk Grove	67.14	140.38
El Cerrito, Mira Vista		25.00
Etna	40.59	70.32
Eureka	592.29	512.16
Fairfax	115.80	72.65
Ferndale	129.47	49.60
Fresno, First	1,968.09	1,714.59
Free Cross	323.84	
Japanese	61.25	47.50
Pilgrim Arm		250.00
Glen Ellen	99.50	60.75
Guerneville	151.84	120.10
Hayward	1,247.38	500.00
Kenwood	33.67	13.60
LaSelva Beach		53.00
Lodi, Ebenezer	96.52	
First	1,400.73	1,387.69
Loleta	8.41	18.85
Loomis	33.75	
Martinez	867.98	939.66
Modesto	40.37	31.58
Murphys	5.00	
Niles	24.30	
Oakland, First	2,291.27	2,550.00
Japanese		12.00
New Pilgrim	201.57	250.37
Plymouth	780.91	1,107.59
Orinda	410.98	416.64
Orville	250.00	351.70
Pacific Grove	75.84	
Palo Alto	1,725.50	2,059.65
Paradise	325.60	355.00
Parlier	15.00	
Penngrove	99.55	
Pescadero	26.45	
Petaluma	500.00	404.59
Pittsburg	232.31	189.26
Pleasant Hill, Hillcrest		88.87
Port Chicago	5.00	18.09
Porterville	700.00	750.00
Redwood City	674.94	514.39
Rio Vista	50.00	100.00
Ripon	163.34	118.15
Sacramento, Pioneer	1,438.00	1,879.00
Sierra Arden	137.25	150.00
Salida	31.25	19.25
San Carlos	700.00	825.00

FRESNO, IN BRIEF

To report on the splendid program of the 95th annual meeting of our State Conference at Fresno would take all of one issue of The Pacific, and perhaps more. The two and one-half days were packed full of rich fellowship, inspiring and informing addresses, encouraging reports, and the transaction of business. The treasurer reported a surplus for the previous fiscal year of something over \$2,000, and total assets of more than \$280,000.

BY-LAWS AMENDED

The By-Laws were amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on Ministerial Standing, which enables the Conference to regard the licentiates of the Associations and those who have been taken "in care" of the Associations as holding similar status in the Conference, itself.

The Conference voted to join with several other Conferences in recommending that the Constitution of the General Council be changed so as to simplify the representation in the General Council from the Associations.

Officers for the coming year were elected, the full list appearing elsewhere in this issue.

THE MODERATORS

Mrs. Scott Haymond proved to be a most pleasing and effective presiding officer. She will be succeeded by Rev. Donald F. Gaylord of Martinez. Both of them are very conversant with the workings of the Conference in its many departments. Mr. Herbert W. Hilker, president of the Laymen's Fellowship, will be the new Vice-Moderator.

PANELS AND SPEAKERS

Many expressions of appreciation were made because of having the discussions of vital subjects held before the entire Conference rather than before the Conference divided into several groups. The members of each panel prepared themselves carefully, and the hours given to Christian Education, Our Christian World Mission, our Ministry to Older People, Evangelism, and Social Action were all exceedingly worthwhile. Dr. John A. Reuling on three different occasions told us of the work being done by our fellowship throughout the world and in particular in Africa and Mexico. Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher, who seems to grow in wisdom and in speaking power from year to year, laid on our hearts the blessed responsibility which we have in extending Christ's kingdom.

MUSIC

The music of the Conference was of a high order. The Pilgrim Church

San Francisco		
Beth. Miss. P'k	68.15	66.00
Calvary Armen.		50.00
Chinese	26.50	13.83
First	1,130.82	857.52
Ocean View	50.00	61.53
Park Presidio	493.54	323.83
St. John's		72.33
Sanger	28.80	72.32
San Jose	893.33	706.99
San Leandro	121.83	149.47
San Lorenzo	17.69	
San Mateo	2,500.00	2,200.00
San Rafael	52.15	100.00
Santa Cruz	642.64	570.81
Santa Rosa	180.78	122.78
Saratoga	268.92	173.84
Sebastopol	324.65	279.99
Sonoma	138.05	242.57
Soquel	40.15	70.09
Stockton	720.32	734.10
Suisun	40.00	67.10
Sunnyvale	42.25	24.30
Sunol	86.09	104.35
Tulare	840.00	561.00
Weaverville	100.00	50.00
Woodside	94.35	201.00
Reno, Nevada	355.60	245.93
Pilgrim Fellowship	996.77	1,567.10
Miscellaneous	195.00	265.00

\$37,156.61 \$37,706.80

choir did exceedingly well on the first night, the First Church choir gave a real demonstration of what church music should be like, at the banquet, and an informal choir from the German churches sang hymns on Sunday afternoon.

GREATEST BANQUET EVER

The greatest banquet we ever had at a Conference took place Saturday night, with 450 people partaking in the excellent dinner. The Pilgrim Church, which was celebrating its 50th anniversary, through one of its laymen presented a most fascinating history of the organization. Pilgrim Fellowship young people were out in force. Dr. Reuling made one of his challenging addresses, and the new film, "A Wonderful Life," was shown.

THE FINAL DAY

The plan of decentralizing the Conference and having special services in each of the five Congregational churches on Sunday morning enabled the delegates to see something of the great work done by our fellowship in that fast growing city. A large number took the opportunity of visiting the new First Church, the building of which has been one of the most significant developments in our fellowship. Even though out-of-town people had begun to scatter, our German people came forward for the closing mass meeting in the Cross Church, so that even though it was a hot afternoon there was no letdown in attendance.

The people and committees of the Pilgrim Church did a great job in entertainment. It will be a Conference long to be remembered.

Against Gambling

Following an address by Otto C. Knudsen, president of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Southern California Conference, a group of laymen presented a resolution for action by the Conference. It was heartily and sincerely accepted, and the Conference office was instructed to forward the same to each church with recommendation that the churches forward the same with their own urgent comments to their representative in the State Legislature and in Congress and to our United States Senators. The resolution follows:

Be it hereby resolved that the Northern California Congregational Conference commend the Kefauver Committee for its recent investigations and exposure of organized gambling and crime in the United States, and we urge our various churches to take positive and vigorous action in supporting law-enforcement on local and state levels. Be it further resolved that the Conference condemn commercialized gambling in every form and that all our members be warned against any participation, however trivial, which contributes in any way to the support and continuation of said commercialized gambling.

SINCERE THANKS

Be it hereby resolved that the Northern California Congregational Conference extend a hearty vote of thanks to the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Fresno, and to its various leaders and committees and all its members, for having provided such gracious and splendid hospitality at this year's Annual Meeting; the appreciation of the Conference is extended also to the other Congregational churches of Fresno for their assistance at several points in our program, and to the Fresno Chamber of Commerce and other civic agencies for their interest and cordial service.

Broadmoor Builds

The Broadmoor Church of San Leandro has become one of the leading churches of the Conference. It has always had a Sunday School that far outran its facilities, but now the plant and equipment are more nearly caught up by reason of the very splendid educational building that has been completed.

On Sunday, May 27, this new building, which is really an addition to the old building, together with many improvements in the plant which they had added, was dedicated. Superintendent Harley H. Gill, who had preached the dedication sermon in the original building 21 years ago, was again called upon to preach the sermon on this occasion. The new addition provides an enlarged and refurbished kitchen, an enlarged social hall, four good-sized Sunday School assembly halls, and several classrooms. The new addition is on the ground previously occupied by a temporary building which was erected in two units 25 years ago or more. The contractor used most of the old material, thereby reducing costs. The total new investment represents expenditures amounting to \$60,000, of which \$20,000 will be carried as an indebtedness, the other \$40,000 having been cared for in one way or another.

In appreciation of the long-time leadership of Rev. J. H. McCartney, the pastor, the large social hall has been christened McCartney Hall. Across the side wall appears the motto which represents the spirit of the man for whom it was named, "Herein let no one be a stranger." A Roman Catholic lady once said of the Broadmoor Church that it is a building where anyone in San Leandro might come and feel at home.

CONFERENCE ELECTS

Moderator: Rev. Donald F. Gaylord.
Assistant Moderator: Mr. Herbert W. Hilker.
Board of Directors
President: Rev. Herbert C. Gans.
Vice-President: Mrs. Scott Haymond.
Secretary: Rev. Harley H. Gill.
Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Esther Ericson.
Treasurer: Mr. W. V. Howe.
Assistant Treasurer: Rev. W. W. Furze.
Auditor: Mr. Paul K. Webster.
Vice-President of the Corporation: Mr. Peirce Coombes.
Class of 1952: Mr. Harry E. Drobish, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, *Mr. Charles G. Thompson, *Mrs. W. B. Buckham, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, *Rev. John C. Mickle, Jr., *Rev. James W. Montgomery.
Class of 1953: Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., *Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, Mrs. Charles E. Ward, Miss Amy Jensen, *Mrs. Scott Haymond, Rev. Carl F. Brost.
Class of 1954: *Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, *Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, *Rev. Richard C. Norberg, *Rev. William E. McCormack, Rev. Vere V. Loper, *Mr. Roy T. Nichols, Mrs. Eugene M. Huggins.
(Note: *Members of the Executive Committee)
Registrar: Rev. Harley H. Gill.
Fraternal Delegates to Southern California: Rev. John G. Mickle, Jr., Mrs. James H. Price, Rev. Harley H. Gill.
Committee on Ministerial Standing
Class of 1952: Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop.
Class of 1953: Rev. William E. McCormack, Rev. Byron E. Eshelman, Rev. Herbert C. Gans.
Class of 1954: Rev. Holland F. Burr, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Torrance Phelps.
Visitors to Pacific School of Religion: Rev. Homer A. Schurz, Rev. James H. Price, Rev. Philip G. Murray.
Representatives to Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches: Rev. T. Davis Preston, Rev. Torrance Phelps, Rev. Williston Wirt, Rev. William E. McCormack, Rev. Gale E. Engle, Rev. Ernest M. Fowler, Mrs. Lewis W. Taylor.
Representative to California Temperance Federation: Rev. Gail Cleland.

ALAMEDA — Rev. Gail Cleland, former pastor, is to serve this church during the interim while the search goes on for a successor to Rev. Ralph V. Conard.

EV. THOMAS E. WATT

Rev. Thomas Edgar Watt passed away in Oakland on May 16 after a long illness. He was well known and dearly beloved in our Northern California fellowship. He was born in Kansas in 1874, his father being a United Brethren minister. He was first licensed in 1893 and shared the pastorate with his father for a brief time. In 1894 he was married to Maggie M. Starr. In about one and a half years, he was called to the Congregational Church at Alva, Oklahoma. He was ordained in 1899. During the period of eleven years beginning in 1896, he served churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana, coming to California in 1907 with his wife who was ill and who soon passed away. He was pastor at Barstow, Oil Center, and Arapaho, and then in 1912 became Educational and Religious Work Secretary for the Oakland YMCA.

When World War I came, he went to the "Y" to San Diego and then overseas, working in England and in Russia, but soon was commissioned as a chaplain until he was discharged in 1919. For a time he was with the YMCA on transport ships. Later on he was with the Sacramento YMCA and then became pastor of a new community church at Williams as the result of a union of the Methodist Church South and the Christian Church. In 1931 he was called to the pastorate of the Park Congregational Church of Berkeley where he labored until 1943 and then for some years in Antioch, retiring from active work on March 1, 1946, when he moved to Oakland. Since then, he was interim pastor at New Pilgrim, Oakland, for several months in 1948 and the constant adviser and friend to the pastor, Rev. George W. Lindsay, who conducted the funeral service on Saturday, May 9. Some time after the first Mrs. Watt's death, he was again married; but after an illness beginning in 1939, his second wife died in Berkeley in January, 1942. Not long thereafter, he was married to Mrs. Minnie Ware with whom the Watts had had intimate friendship at Williams. She has been his devoted and beloved companion for the last eight and a half years and survives him along with three daughters and a son. Mr. Watt had capacity for making deep friendships. He was a strong preacher of the Gospel, a poet of no mean ability, and a wise counsellor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH—The members of the church presented the minister, Rev. Philip G. Murray, with a beautiful pulpit gown and hood just before Palm Sunday. Some of these men helped with the community canvass in the new Mira Vista area and had a thrilling time. Church attendance has been good, and the treasurer reports a substantial balance. The young people conducted the Sunday morning service while the minister was attending Conference. During Lent the Social Action Committee sponsored a series of programs dealing with critical problems on the social scene. Among the speakers were Rev. Howard Thurman of San Francisco and Professor Robert Fitch of PSR.

AUBURN—The Laymen's Fellowship, under the leadership of four of its members, enlisted a total of 20 men who worked for 200 hours and completed the painting of the parsonage on Memorial Day. Congratulations to Rev. William F. Keeney, pastor, and his men.

VERNE ROBINSON ORDAINED

Verne A. Robinson was ordained to the Christian ministry in the Eden Congregational Church of Hayward on the evening of May 4. Superintendent Harley H. Gill was elected moderator of the council and Rev. George W. Lindsay the scribe. A profitable time was spent in the examination period. A large congregation attended the evening service. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, of Palo Alto, gave the invocation. Rev. John Charles Mickle, of Berkeley, read the scripture. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Hugh Vernon White and the ordination prayer offered by the former pastor of the Robinson family, Rev. Henry David Gray, of South Pasadena. Rev. William W. Meyer gave the charge to the candidate; Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop, the charge to the church; and Rev. Richard C. Norberg extended the right hand of fellowship. The parents of Mr. Robinson were present and also a large number of young people with whom he has been working. Mr. Robinson will continue as assistant minister in this very important church.

WEAVERVILLE—The Pilgrim Fellowship were hosts at the May family night potluck dinner, when more than 80 were present. Grammar school graduates were honored guests. The young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship told their aims and plans and reported regarding their rally at Paradise. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Girdner are reaching points in Trinity County outside of Weaverville, including Big Bar, Big Flat, and Lewiston. The church supplied a family, that had met with serious loss by fire, with everything needed for their new home. Word from the church is that average attendance has been 70 since the Girdners arrived, and the people of the community are enthusiastic about their leadership.

BIOLA—The 30th anniversary of this church was celebrated on June 3. A very attractive brochure had been prepared under the direction of Rev. Philip Reich, the aggressive and effective minister of the church. Rev. Benjamin H. Kissler, of Denver, pastor-at-large for the German-speaking churches and formerly pastor at Biola, was present for the day, preaching in the morning and afternoon services. Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the sermon in the evening. This church has recently completed a program of building improvement; it has an excellent choir, and its membership is growing.

RIPON—Rev. C. W. Kirkpatrick, of Cummington, Massachusetts, has been called as pastor and is at work. After a period of some months of discouragement and hesitation, a group of young adults challenged the church to provide a budget which would enable them to secure an able minister and to provide household equipment for a minister's family to live in comfort in the parsonage. It was done, and Pacific predicts a very progressive and successful pastorate.

SARATOGA—This church has had a very happy experience with DP families in the area, and on May 9 a DP anniversary dinner was held. Eight of their own DP's and 12 others living in the community were present. Among them were Russians, Latvians, Estonians, and Hungarians. There was widespread public interest, 200 people being in attendance. Each family brought a dish somewhat typical of its own nationality. Rev. Gordon L. King is pastor.

HAIL, THE LINDSAYS

The Oakland New Pilgrim Church gave a reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lindsay on Sunday afternoon, May 27. The program was held in the church and represented various departments. There was a mixture of both sadness and fun and many very sincere expressions of appreciation of the work which the Lindsays had done. The church was well filled. A beautiful wrist watch was presented to George and a purse to Mrs. Lindsay with various accouterments dear to the feminine heart and some folding money in the coin purse. Following the program there were refreshments served in the Hall, giving everyone the chance to shake hands with the Lindsays and with officers of the church. The Lindsays hope to move into Berkeley so as to be near the office of the educational department, but much of his time from now on will be spent at Cazadero during the summer.

BERKELEY, SOUTH—Founder's Day was celebrated on Sunday, May 27. Dr. Stuart LeRoy Anderson, president of the Pacific School of Religion, preached the sermon at 11:00 o'clock. Music was provided by the combined young people's and adults' choirs. Rev. John Charles Mickle, pastor, sang a solo. Dr. Fred S. Stripp, associate, and Rev. Ernest W. Houlding, assistant pastor, shared in the worship service. Many friends from sister churches were present and shared in the Founder's Day dinner served by the women of Circle No. 1 during the afternoon. The occasion marked the time when South Berkeley Church comes to full self-support.

HAYWARD—Eden Congregational Church has placed assurances for two more DP families from the European area, which will bring to 10 the number of persons they have resettled in the Hayward area. Three married couples' groups carry on an active program of fellowship and service. A bequest of \$5,000 was recently received by the church for the purchase of additional office and visual aid equipment and to support the general program of the church. Rev. Richard C. Norberg and Rev. Verne A. Robinson are the pastors.

WOODSIDE—May was a month of broadening contacts. Delegates attended the women's Spring Session at Cazadero, the Pilgrim Fellowship Rally at San Jose, and the State Conference at Fresno. Eight thousand dollars is being sought, which, with funds already on hand, is expected to build an addition for Church School purposes. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is pastor.

SANGER—Rev. Edward Hildebrand, the pastor, has resigned after several years of splendid service in the community and church. He is undertaking social welfare work in Tulare County but will continue to serve the Sanger Church until a new minister is secured.

FRESNO, ZION—Rev. Christian Martin has resigned and immediately following the second Sunday of June will move to North Dakota where he has been called to the pastorate of a new and important church. Mr. Martin has been a member of the Conference Board of Directors.

CROCKETT—Twelve new members have been received into the church, 9 by confession of faith. Rev. C. George Kuhn is pastor.

SAN CARLOS AND DP'S

The San Carlos Church has had a wonderfully fine experience with the coming of a Displaced Persons family of three, Mr. and Mrs. Dimiter Staykov and their small daughter, from a camp at Linz, Austria. Red tape caused long delay. They had fled from Sophia in 1947 when the baby was only two months old, walking over 100 miles to Vienna. All of their worldly possessions were carried in knapsacks, and their jewelry was used for barter. The husband is a pharmacist and the wife a graduate of a university in Bulgaria. They are deeply religious people and on their first day spent thirty minutes as a family in the little prayer chapel of the San Carlos Church. The people of San Carlos have responded in a fine Christian spirit of helpfulness, and it is their desire that other churches should be blessed by a similar experience.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER—The growth of this church is reflected by the following figures: beginning in 1940, the budget for current expenses has risen from \$12,000 to \$28,000. The amount spent in the program of Religious Education not including the salary of the director has come from \$180 to \$2,000. The Sunday School enrollment has increased from 90 to 350, the loose offerings from \$2,000 to \$3,200, the missionary giving from \$800 to \$3,000, and this in addition to the \$9,000 given to the Centennial Fund as reported a month ago. A Family Night Potluck Dinner was given in May in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Archer Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan was the first Sunday School superintendent in the new building, and Mrs. Sullivan has been Cradle Roll superintendent for 37 years. The ministers are Rev. Torrance Phelps and Rev. Orval S. Clay.

REDWOOD CITY—Eight men attended the Laymen's School of Churchmanship in Berkeley, being the largest delegation present. On a Sunday not long ago, a caravan of cars, following the Sunday morning service, carried a congregation to inspect the site recently acquired for the new church building. A Men's Club is in process of formation. Rev. Gale W. Engle, pastor, made a ten-day air trip to Chicago to gather material for his PhD thesis. The annual church school picnic will be held on June 26.

CAMPBELL—A new powder room has been installed and other rooms have been redecorated. Rev. Corwin Olds, pastor, with Mrs. Olds, is spending a month in Hawaii where Mr. Olds was stationed during the war in charge of Army Chaplain activities. Following Easter, he attended a family reunion in Akron, Ohio, along with six brothers attending their mother's 85th birthday.

PORTERVILLE—Two memorial gifts have added to the beauty of the sanctuary, a 24-inch brass cross and a golden velvet dossal and canopy. The annual birthday luncheon filled the dining hall to capacity. On Children's Day all families joined in a picnic dinner. Vacation Church School is planned. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

LODI, FIRST—One hundred seventy-five mothers and daughters attended their annual banquet on May 9, the Men's Club serving the dinner and furnishing a delightful program. This church is cooperating with other churches in preparation for a Vacation Church School. Contributions of clothing are being made for Korean relief. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The next regular meeting of the Federation will be August 16.

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Spring Session

As vacation approaches there are still two historic meetings of the Federation of Congregational Women to report. The first is Spring Session, and your correspondent has asked a newcomer, Mrs. M. F. Kavanaugh, to report this to you.

Spring Session at Cazadero, April 30 through May 2, was a rich experience for any woman, but for a not-too-long-ago midwesterner it was nothing short of thrilling. To have so much inspiration flood one in such beautiful mountain surroundings was something long to be remembered. Then, too, California women are unique in the way they approach, attack, and carry through their problems. They add the "light touch" through their clever way of presenting reports and information that holds the attention and makes one feel they have achieved what the little girl asked for when she prayed, "Please, God, make the bad people good and the good people pleasant." California women have learned the art of making their religious experiences pleasant, for which praise be!

Eighty-four women, representing thirty-three churches, gathered at Congregational Cazadero to live and learn together as inspired leaders very ably carried out this year's theme, "A Light Along the Way."

Mrs. Scott Haymond, general chairman, opened the session by asking the question, "What are you doing to make this a better world?"

That first evening the group sat around a glowing fire in the big fireplace and Mrs. W. B. Buckham, president of the Federation, sought to stimulate our concern as Christian women for the matter of growth. She said that we, like the young spruce who was advised by the tall old pine tree, must "keep looking up; but we must let nothing bend or break us; we must grow, grow, grow."

The next morning Mrs. E. A. Heath of Sierra Arden used a poem

by Lao Tse as a guidepost for "stepping-stones to leadership." It speaks for itself:

"A leader is best when people barely know he exists;
Not so good when people obey and acclaim him;
Worst when they despise Him.
Fail to honor people, they fail to honor you.
But of a good leader, who talks little
When his work is done, his aim fulfilled,
They will all say, 'We did it ourselves.'"

The group suggested that the following qualities characterize a good leader: humility, sincerity, enthusiasm, vision, Christian love for others, and, last but not least, a sense of humor.

Mrs. Walter Giersbach from Forest Grove, Oregon, Assistant Moderator of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, took as her theme, "Stepping-stones to Worship." She said, worship is something we must work at. We must shut out distractions and be in a reverent mood; and reverence she said "is when I get quiet in myself." One should have this reverent attitude when one enters the church for services and commune only with God, and not with one's seat-mate. Fruition is the next step, and "it is found in gaining a wholesome Christian character, which lives not unto itself but creates peace and goodwill in the world of men."

Mrs. C. R. Claiborne of Berkeley conducted an interesting session called, "We Buzz," and buzz is just what the women did. Acting as M. C., Mrs. Claiborne went on the air, and reports were made concerning accomplishments of local groups.

One of the highlights of the session was the presentation of OCWM by the Rev. Benton S. Gaskell of San Mateo, under the topic, "Even Good News Is News." He is a delightful speaker and made all feel that there is still a balance of good news despite the mess the world is in.

(Continued next column)

WOMEN AT FRESNO MEET

Several hundred women attended the luncheon Saturday noon in the Californian Hotel, for which arrangements had been made by Mrs. S. B. Janjigian, San Joaquin Association president, and her able committees. Corsages for the honored guests and the maypoles and other flower bouquets on the tables added to the beauty of the setting.

After a very nice luncheon Mrs. Janjigian introduced the guests at her table, among whom were Mrs. John Reuling, wife of the American Board Secretary for Africa; Mrs. Scott Haymond, Moderator of the Conference; Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Mrs. Ralph V. Conard, and Mrs. George W. Lindsay, wives of the staff members; and Mrs. Lyman Crossman of San Gabriel, fraternal delegate from the Conference of Southern California and the Southwest, who brought a brief message of greeting from her women.

Space will not permit the names of the others, but Mrs. W. B. Buckham introduced the speaker, Mrs. George R. Wilson, Vice-President of the American Board, who now resides in Claremont but who is intimately acquainted with Kobe College in Japan. She had not been there for fourteen years until she went back last fall to the celebration of their centennial at Kobe. Her topic was, "The Time Is Now." She said we are not afraid to look backward over the past hundred years, nor to look forward into the future, for we have faith. She gave a brief glimpse of conditions in many of our mission fields but spoke especially of Japan and of the forward strides made by Japanese women in the last five years. She urged support even to great sacrifice of the Japan International Christian University and of all missionary endeavor, realizing that "the time is now."

LOYAL TO P. S. R. CHURCHES' SUPPORT URGED

Be it hereby resolved that the Northern California Congregational Conference go on record to encourage each church to set up a definite recruitment program for the Christian ministry, and to give financial support to the Pacific School of Religion in one or more of the ways suggested in the last report by the Visiting Committee, and that the members of the Visiting Committee be made responsible for encouraging among the churches the fulfillment of the above-mentioned commitments.

SIERRA ARDEN REPORT, FLOOD RELIEF GIFTS

It would seem that the time has come to close the Sierra Arden flood relief fund and to publish the name of the churches and the amounts which they gave, which we are happy to do herewith. This is a splendid expression of the concern which churches have for each other and of the spirit of generosity and helpfulness in the hearts of our people. Sierra Arden folk will never cease to be grateful. The committee in charge of disbursement of the fund is still carrying on for it has not been possible to make repairs to the parsonage to any great extent because of the long process of "drying out." Full report of their labors and expenditures will be made when the work is completed.

Alameda	\$ 76.60
Angels Camp	20.00
Antioch	15.00
Berkeley, Arlington	10.00
Chinese	10.00
First	25.77
South	43.57
Campbell	27.00
Cedarville	6.30
Cloverdale	20.00
Crockett	26.25
El Cerrito, Mira Vista	18.15
Elk Grove	15.00
Fairfax	16.75
Fresno, First	129.90
Free Cross	25.00
Japanese	14.71
Pilgrim	50.00
Fowler	20.00
Guerneville	10.50
Hayward	50.00
Kenwood-Glen Ellen	46.00
LaSelva Beach	25.00
Lodi, First	256.10
Martinez	50.50
Niles	5.00
Oakland, Bethany	29.90
Fruitvale	27.00
Japanese	16.50
New Pilgrim	24.50
Plymouth	130.00
Orinda	30.00
Oroville	60.00
Palo Alto	45.10
Paradise	63.50
Petaluma	105.00
Pittsburg	46.17
Pleasant Hill, Hillcrest	11.80
Port Chicago	17.00
Porterville	50.00
Sacramento, Pioneer	342.10
Oak Park	5.91
Salida	7.00
San Carlos	50.00
San Francisco, Bethany Miss. Park	19.00
Chinese	20.00
First	27.00
Ocean View	25.80
Park Presidio	25.00
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San Mateo	50.00
Santa Cruz	42.50
Santa Rosa	10.50
Saratoga	30.20
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